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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA IN SECURITY COUNCIL

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1. AFRICANS AND NON-ALIGNED WORKED INTERMITTENTLY  
THROUGHOUT AFTERNOON OCTOBER 21 TO FIND BASIS FOR CONSENSUS  
RESOLUTION ON SPANISH SAHARA. THEY CONSULTED MOROCCANS,  
MAURITANIANS AND ALGERIANS, WHO REPORTEDLY PRESENTED THREE  
CONFLICTING POINTS OF VIEW. WHEN HOUR FOR SCHEDULED INFORMAL  
6 PM CONSULTATIONS APPROACHED, GROUP HAD GOT NOWHERE AND  
WAS GIVEN TWO ADDITIONAL HOURS.

2. COUNCIL FINALLY RESUMED INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SPANISH  
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SAHARA AT 8 PM. NON-ALIGNED SPOKESMEN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL

TIME AND ASSERTED FRANKLY THAT GROUP WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PRODUCING DRAFT. SALIM (TANZANIA), SECONDED BY OTHERS, SAID GROUP WOULD WORK INTO THE NIGHT, BUT THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO ADMIT FAILURE WHEN GROUP RECONVENED MORNING OF OCT. 22. SOME HINTED (AND IT SEEMS LIKELY) THAT IF NON-ALIGNED FAILED TO FIND COMMONGROUND, FOCUS OF EFFORT MIGHT SHIFT BACK TO COSTA RICAN DRAFT.

3. OUR CONTACTS PROVIDED NO CLEAR PICTURE OF COMPLEX PATTERNS OF DISAGREEMENT IN THIS AFTERNOON'S AF-NON-ALIGNED NEGOTIATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WAS TEDIOUS DISCUSSION OF SUCH QUESTIONS AS A) WHAT IS A CONCERNED PARTY? B) WHAT IS AN INTERESTED PARTY? C) TO WHOM SHOULD APPEAL BE ADDRESSED? D) SHOULD APPEAL BE FOR MODERATION, RESTRAINT OR SOMETHING ELSE? E) WHAT SHOULD SECRETARY-GENERAL BE ASKED TO DO? IT SEEMS LIKELY MUCH CONFUSION WILL REMAIN WHEN COUNCIL ATTEMPTS TO RECONVENE CONSULTATION, NOW SCHEDULED FOR 11 A.M. OCT. 22.

4. BRITISH REMAINED CONCERNED THROUGHOUT TODAY THAT RESOLUTION NOT MAKE EVEN-HANDED APPEAL AT TIME ONLY ONE PARTY THREATENING BREACH OF THE PEACE. THEY CLEARLY HAVE IN MIND AVOIDING PRECEDENT THAT MIGHT ENCOURAGE GUATEMALAN SHANANIGANS IN BELIZE.

5. WHEN TONIGHT'S CONSULTATIONS BROKE UP JUST BEFORE 9 PM, MOST REPRESENTATIVES WERE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF REPORTS OF FRANCO'S DEATH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IF CONSENSUS EMERGES AND RECORD MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL IS CALLED, MOROCCANS HAVE READY 3-HOUR FILIBUSTER SPEECH.  
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